GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3626
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2008
COAL CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the increasing crude oil prices, India and European Union have begin exercise of close cooperation in clean coal conversion technology and transfer of advanced technologies through joint ventures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has made strong pitch for investment of European gas companies in gas distribution network during the recent working group meet of India and EU energy panel.

(d) if so, to what extent the increased collaboration with EU is likely to help in restricting petroleum products; and

(e) the other agreements reached between the two in oil sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b). India and European Union (EU) have exchanged information and identifying areas for possible joint cooperation in January 2008. Some joint studies are planned to be undertaken in this sector.

(c) to (e). During India and European Union (EU) Energy panel meeting held in November 2007, Indian side impressed on EU side that given their expertise in gas use in EU countries, India offers a lot of opportunities for the EU industry. It is, however, early to asses impact, if any, of EU response. No agreement has been signed between India and EU in oil sector.